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Title : Need to honour Dr. Gangubai Hangal with Bharat Ratna Award.

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD): Dr. Gangubai Hangal is one of illustrious names in the annals of classical music of India that carved its own niche. With her passing away on 21 July 2009 in Hubli, an ever-sparkling singing star has faded away. Born in a very ordinary family in 1913 in Dharwad, she lived a life of 97 years. During this period, her only life mission was Hindustani Classical music. She not only sung and made millions to listen but her more accomplished mission was to kindle the zeal of Indian Classical Music among millions of people across the country. By this, she made unforgettable contribution to the field of art and culture of our contemporary society. Today the Gangubai is household name not only in the Karnataka but also all over India. During her long and meaningful journey of her life hundreds of awards and honors were bestowed upon her. The Government of India has already bestowed upon her 'Padma Vibhushan' long ago. But long pressing and ever-persistent demand of people of Karnataka and music lovers all over the country is to bestow 'Bharata Ratna' upon her.

Now I feel specially honoured for the reason that she lived in my constituency and to press for honouring Dr. Gangubai Hangal with 'Bharat Ratna' award posthumously as a real tribute to the departed soul.